

The Swanmead Pen

Parents' Newsletter – Spring Term 2.4

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Dear Parents and Carers,

There's an in-school phrase used that suggests 'short terms are always the most challenging' and this has very much been the case for the past fifty days or so. SATs practising, Shakespeare workshops, social media PSHE days, a Cardiff residential, Sports Relief, an Ofsted Inspection and two snow days give a brief summary of our experience! So much has been squeezed into the last ten weeks and both staff and pupils are very much looking forward to recharging their batteries during the two week holiday.

Firstly, to the Ofsted report. Well, I very much thought we'd have been sent this by now. Almost a month on from our visitors and still we wait. I did see a 'sneak preview' of it last week and, when it does finally 'go live' I look forward to sending it to you. This will be via email, however, if you would like a paper copy then please contact the school office and we'll have one printed for you.

Next, I must turn parents' and families' attention to the **SCOFF Race Night**. This event takes place on the evening of **Friday 11th May** from **7.00 p.m. – 10.00 p.m.** Families with children of all ages are welcome to come and join us. It is free admission with drinks (including a licensed bar) and hot dogs available for purchase on the evening. The SCOFF team look forward to raising lots of money (£1000 is the target) for the school and we look forward to a big parent/family turn out. More information about how parents and community members can own a race horse or even sponsor a race will be sent out via a separate flyer during the first week back. Do look out for this and make every attempt to get involved in what is a great family night out.

Our partnership work with Yeovil Town continues and at the back of the newsletter you'll find information about the next game you can buy tickets for. The match information for Yeovil Town and Wycombe Wanderers is the final game we'll be promoting this season but we hope to continue this into next season. For now get your tickets for this match from us and help the Glovers and Swanmead support each other!

Finally, as we end the term, a thank you to all parents for their continued support of the school. The recent Year 7 and Year 8 parents' evenings were busy events with very high percentage turn outs. This shows that your dedication towards the education of your children remains a real priority for you and through this a shared venture with us. Long may this continue.

Wishing everybody a pleasant break and a reminder that we return to school on Monday 9th April.

Mark Walker
Headteacher

Recognition of Effort

Commitment to Netball Club:

Gracie Plant	Joseph Sainsbury	Joel Francis	Charlotte Lamb
Phoebe Bailey	Alice Gibbins	Emma Purdey	Noah Baker
Charlton Bowery	Finn Moran	Harrison Reeve	Edie Hawkrigde

Design and Technology:

Leyla Tunç	Noah Tolman	Lexi Knowles	Evan Galfin	Belle Miller
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Recognition of Excellence

Design and Technology:

Jasper Lefeuvre	Annie Ashdown	William Wright	Emma Purdey
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TT Rockstars:

Charlie Herrick

Accelerated Reader Certificates

Platinum Award

Jack Belobaba

Gold Award

George Conway Ethan Hughes-Humphries Charlotte Wellman

Silver Award

Sydney Ingram Finn Moran Jack Lewis Finn Moran Charlie Newbury Isabel Fowler Layla Pike

Bronze Award

Ryan Collins Mia Cooper Lewis Cotterrell Andie Fade James Lancaster Jaime Lovell Shayla Male
Zoe North Casey Richards Lucy-May Brion Ralphie Conabeare
Roxy Mallabar Sean Timson Emily Truong

Numeracy Ninjas

Numeracy Ninjas – Grand Master – Ruler Prize (13 x Black Belts)

Josh Lamb Joseph Baker Jasper Lefeuvre Alice Gibbins Noah Baker Charlie Lefeuvre

Numeracy Ninjas – Grand Master – Pencil Prize (8 x Black Belts)

Sam Phillips Emma Purdey Laura Miller Emily Truong

Numeracy Ninjas – Grand Master - (3 x Black Belts)

Aimee Bird Lucy Webb Poppy-May Howlett-Turner Sydney Ingram
Harry Thompson Joe Skelsey Marcus Freeman

Numeracy Ninjas – Black Belt

Aimee Bird Noah Tolman Cian Enright Rebecca England
Flora Godfrey George Conway

Dates for your diary

Easter Holidays – Monday 26th March 2018 – Friday, 6th April 2018

APRIL 2018

24 th	Tuesday		Year 8 Photograph
25 th	Wednesday	4 p.m. – 7 p.m.	Year 5 Parents' Evening

MAY 2018

3 rd	Thursday	5.30 p.m.	Meeting of the Governing Body
11 th	Friday	7 p.m.	SCOFF Race Night
21 st – 25 th	Mon - Fri		Year 7 Great Wood Residential
25 th	Friday		Final Day of the Half Term

Half Term Break – Monday 28th May 2018 – Friday 1st June 2018

Year 6 Resilience Afternoon

A big focus for the school over recent months has been the concept of resilience and self-efficacy. This has very much been led by our Able Pupils Tutor Group who have come up with a range of ideas that they wish to put into action over the coming months. A week or so ago, our Year 6 able pupils led a series of activities to the other children in their year group. This superb set of rotating activities included a talk on what resilience was, a set of problem solving team challenges and a yoga session. So great to see our children taking ownership of supporting each other to become more resilient.



Design Technology Workshop Helper Required

Mr Scadding would love it if there was a person out there who may fancy helping out a little in our DT Workshop. Anytime would be great but specifically Thursday and Friday afternoons from 2.30 to 3.30 (but could start any time from 11am if willing.) We need an adult to help supervise with pupils using tools and machines. No particular experience with tools is necessary but a willingness to work with children in a DT environment is essential.

Very few people have time on their hands but if you know of anyone that has (maybe someone that is retired and might fancy a bit of time helping?) then please get in touch with school. Many thanks.

High Quality Craftsmanship

Look at the quality of these Bauhaus-style letter holders! Pupils in Year 6 are encouraged to design, make, finish and evaluate their product but these, I suspect, will be in households being readily used for years. Congratulations to Alice Gibbins, Emma Purdey, Ollie Upshall for these three superb examples.



Sports Relief 2018

On Tuesday all pupils and staff enjoyed lending their support to Sports Relief. All paid for the privilege to come along to school in sports gear whilst our Senior Pupils and House Captains then hosted a Bake Sale and 30 minute Danceathon in the Hall. We've currently banked £347.75 for the charity – a great effort by all. Special thanks go to the Senior Pupils/House Captains for organising the event and the pupils who brought cakes in to sell at breaktime.

Ilminster Rotary Young Chef of the Year Competition

For the second year, the school organised the Ilminster Rotary Young Chef Competition. Children from Years 7 and 8 submitted a mouth-watering dish with the top ten from each year group having one hour to prepare and cook before presenting it for tasting to the judging panel. The judges were two members of the Ilminster Rotary and the Head Chef from Dillington House, Lorraine Rose. The judges were 'blown away' by the quality and skill displayed by our young chefs and the decision of awarding prizes to the top three was extremely difficult.



Year 7 Young Chef Finalists



Year 8 Young Chef Finalists

And the Winners were;



Year 7 Young Chef of the Year – Hannah Horner

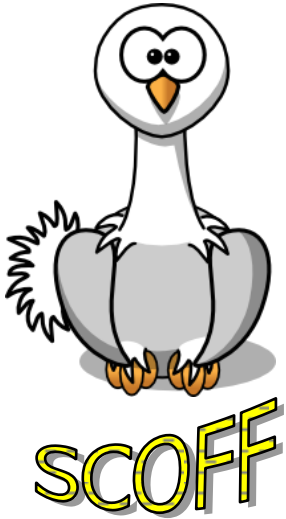


Year 8 Young Chef of the Year – Loren Wilkinson

As well as their book prizes, Hannah and Loren have now been invited to Dillington House to work alongside Head Chef Lorraine Rose during the course of a lunchtime service. Lorraine also invited second place chef in Year 8 Daniel Tremlett (who was second both this year and last year!). What a fantastic opportunity for these pupils! My thanks to all the children for taking part and to members of the Ilminster Rotary (who appeared in their numbers!) for their role in supporting and organising the event.

Fiddle Toys

A select group of pupils will be given 'Brain Putty' straight after half term. Research shows that for some children this can help with concentration in lessons. Mrs Harvey and Mrs Chown will distribute this to pupils following the Easter holidays. A reminder that this is the only 'fiddle toy' we allow and other ideas such as fidget spinners are not allowed in school.



**Swanmead Community of Families
and Friends**

invite the School Community to a

Family Race Night



Date: Friday 11th May 2018

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Swanmead School Hall

Admission: Free

Tote: 50p to win betting stake

Licensed Bar

Hot Dogs!

**Raising money for the pupils of
Swanmead**



YEOVIL TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB



TICKETS for SCHOOLS

SKYBET EFL LEAGUE TWO

YEOVIL TOWN V WYCOMBE WANDERERS

SATURDAY 14TH APRIL 3PM

Bring your family to Yeovil Town this season and you'll be supporting both the Glovers and your child's school with Yeovil Town's 'Tickets for schools'

Take advantage of incredible discounts on match tickets to selected Yeovil Town fixtures and the club will donate £5 of every Adult ticket and £2 for every Junior ticket back to your school.

Simply complete and return the bottom section of this form along with payment to SWANMEAD SCHOOL by no later than Wednesday 11th April.

MATCH TICKETS ORDERED THROUGH YOUR SCHOOL WILL BE AVAILABLE TO COLLECT ON THE DAY OF THE FIXTURE FROM THE WHITE COLLECTION BOOTH LOCATED IN FRONT OF THE TICKET OFFICE AT HUISH PARK.

For directions to Huish Park, Stadium Map and further information about attending Yeovil Town fixtures please visit www.yafc.net. For all enquiries please call 01935 847 888



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YEOVIL TOWN V WYCOMBE WANDERERS

SATURDAY 14TH APRIL 2018 3PM



YOUR DETAILS

PUPIL NAME		PARENT/ GAURDIAN	
ADDRESS			
POSTCODE		TELEPHONE	
EMAIL			

TICKETS	AMOUNT	TOTAL
ADULTS - £15 PER TICKET (£5 per ticket donated to your school)		£
JUNIOR - £5 PER TICKET (£2 per ticket donated to your school)		£
TOTAL		£

*If you require a Wheelchair bay or have anyone in your party with any special requirements please call the Ticket office on 01935 847 888 to order your tickets directly. Please inform us of the school you are attending with when ordering.

Supporting the Glovers and your school